

MCMURRY'S REV. BILL LIBBY **Abilene Country Club** **Noon, Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

Rev. Bill Libby, adjunct Professor of Religion and History at McMurry University, will deliver our club's Easter message this week.

He received his B.A. from Texas A&M University, an M.Div. from Drew University, an M.A. in American Diplomatic History from



Kansas State University, and was subsequently admitted to the doctoral program in American Studies at the University of Maryland. He completed the

Army's program in Organizational Behavior and the Executive Program in Human Resources Management at Columbia University.

Ordained in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Libby was a Chaplain in the Army, serving in Europe, Asia, and the U.S. where he concluded his service on the faculty of the National Defense University. Rev. Libby's career at McMurry began in 1996 when he coached the cross-country teams until 2003.

Currently he teaches Old Testament at McMurry University and is especially interested in its relevance and application in the modern world. Rev. Libby also co-hosts the KWKC Talk Radio Program "The Professors". When he's not in the classroom or on the radio, he is involved in ongoing summer archaeological work in Jordan.

Today, Rev. Libby brings us a word of spiritual encouragement birthed from his life experiences as he has served the Body of Christ.



Charles Kirkpatrick presented a giclée valued at \$700 donated by Kay Walton for our Silent Auction.

What does it take to have a successful Pancake Day?

I think it takes four things to have a successful Pancake Day, like we will have Saturday, April 28th.

1. It takes volunteers who show up and work. We need our members to do a wide variety of tasks from batter prepping, to table beautification, to serving, to flipping, to ticket taking.

2. It takes Kiwanians selling tickets to their neighbors, their co-workers, their fellow churchgoers, their friends and their enemies.

3. It takes a lot of Silent Auction items that will bring in an additional 33% on top of ticket sales.

4. It takes us knowing that every single cent goes to help people. That's motivation enough.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
‘Walk The Talk’
Weekly Meeting March 28, 2012
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Gordon Dowell
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Henry McGinty
Guests.....	Kelly Jones
Photography.....	David Jones
Brag Basket (Will Smith).....	\$10.00
Cup Money.....	\$46.30

Guest

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Logan Perkins.....	Keith Garner
McHutchin Perkins.....	Keith Garner
Terry Young.....	Ricki Brown
Paula Hartman.....	Jamie Breed
Joan Batson.....	David Batson
Allan Meador.....	David Jones
Joe Kozlouski.....	Bill Hoogstra
Melinda Blay.....	Club
Bob Hunter.....	Club
LucasCosta.....	Bob Hunter
James Estes.....	Greater Abilene

In our prayers

- Remember the following spouses:
- Janice, wife of Guinn Smith whose surgery went very well Janice will remain at MD Anderson for several weeks.
 - Linda, wife of Jud Powell and
 - Joan, wife of George Knight
- Remember Henry McGinty, Jarrell Young, Van Boozler, Leonard Brock, LuGene Lewis Kirby Leeson and Bill and Ginger Zavatson

The program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Jeffrey Cottrell and the Hardin-Simmons University Trombone Ensemble as the program.

The ensemble of 4 HSU students did a fabulous job as they entertained us with a variety of music.

The program was fun as they shared chamber style music, a little folk music and some blues.

Hey!

Bring a Guest and share the excitement! Remember our membership campaign. This is a great time to share who we are and what we do for the community.



Jeff Cottrell (center) presented the program — a trombone quartet of HSU students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations sought

Lay Person of the Year applications are available. Please contact Randy or any member of the Spiritual Aims committee for additional information.

Gum Ball Report

Our Gumball King, Earl Williams, reported that there are 1,128 machines in operation. During the month of February, 332 were read. From those machines, \$456.00 was collected. That brings our absolutely amazing grant total to \$251,809.12. For the decimally challenged, that is more than a quarter million dollars.



Hot stuff

Jamie Breed was presented with a TABASCO Lollipop for her part in helping with ticket sales for Pancake Day.

Basketball bucks

David Jones presented Shoot Out proceeds totaling \$5,287.83 to Melinda Blay with Hendrick Children’s Hospital and the Children’s Miracle Network.

You’ve heard this before, but it’s really important

Bring Silent Auction items or money to weekly meeting. Contact Marty Anderson or Christine Curtis-Carr for additional information. Approximately 15

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GREAT NEWS from the Aktion Club mailbag

“We are pleased to announce that your nominee, Big Country Aktion Club, is the recipient of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) 2012 Vision Award in the dignity category.

The DADS Vision Awards are provided annually to recognize exemplary community service in three primary areas that support the agency’s vision – that older Texans and persons with disabilities be supported by a comprehensive, cost-effective system that promotes and enhances wellness, dignity and choice.

The vision award for dignity recognizes individuals and groups who demonstrate exceptional community services through leadership and awareness building to promote the belief that everyone should be treated



with respect and dignity.

DADS would like to present Big Country Aktion Club with their award at the annual Vision ceremony on June 6, 2012. More detailed information about the Vision ceremony will be sent to you shortly. Please feel free to share this great news with Big Country Aktion Club so that you both can begin to make plans to be in Austin in June for the ceremony!

Congratulations to Big Country Aktion Club on receiving this award!

Sincerely,
Holly Riley
Texercise Program Coordinator
TX Department of Aging and Disability Services

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items were turned in at the meeting on March 28th. This is a great start but more is needed.

President Charles Kirkpatrick also has heard this and acted on it. Last week, he presented a beautiful painting by artist Kay Walton valued at \$700.00 for the silent auction.

Let's grow

Membership Campaign began March 7th. We will track guests brought to each meeting and present a “Go Getter” award to the Kiwanian bringing the most guests each month. The Kiwanian bringing the most guests (potential members) for the year will be awarded special recognition at the end of the year celebration. In addition, a member who sponsors a new member into the club will receive a \$50.00 gift card or if the members prefers, the club will make a \$50.00 donation to a charity of the members choosing. So Get Ready Everyone! New Members are needed! More Members equal more hands and feet to serve others! “Just Ask” and “Walk the Talk!”

Who is our newest member: Edith Smith

Attention, bikers

Catch Me If You Can Bike Ride, hosted by Kiwanis Club of Breckenridge will take place in Breckenridge on Saturday May 19th beginning at 8:00 am. Check it out or register at www.kiwanisbreckenridge.com.

Will someone step up?

A Volunteer is needed to help with the Eliminate Project for Division 35. Janet Nelson, President of the Kiwanis Club of Breckenridge communicated at the March Division Council meeting that the division is still in need of a coordinator for this project. Contact Lt. Governor Carl Lockett or Janet Nelson for more details. Janet can be reached at janelson@ag.tamu.edu.

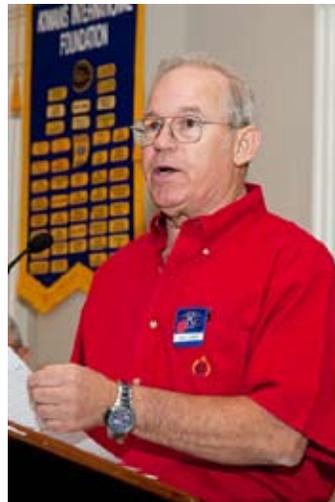
Calendar

- Apr. 10: Division Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Whitten Inn, East Hwy 80
- Apr. 19: Board Meeting - Noon, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, downtown
- Apr. 28: PANCAKE DAY - Mark your calendar
- May 31: Annual Division 35 Prayer Breakfast @ Bobbie Wolfe’s barn
- Jun. 27-July 1: KI Convention – New Orleans, Louisiana
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen

Birthdays

- Apr. 6: Duane Shackelford
- Apr. 8: Royce Manning
- Apr. 8: William A. Smith
- Apr. 10: Earl W. Williams
- Apr. 14: David Batson
- Apr. 18: Kirby Leeson
- Apr. 20: Don Paige
- Apr. 25: David Jones
- Apr. 28: Tara J. Castille
- Apr. 29: Kirk W. Hancock

Our photo album



Jamie Breed shows off the RED HOT TABASCO lollypop she received from Kimberley Cole in retaliation for comments made at last week's meeting.

Gumball King Earl Williams presented a check for \$456 collected in February.

David Bacon with Allan Meador, a guest of David Jones.

Logan and McHutchin Perkins were guests of their grandfather, Keith Garner.

Kelly Jones introduced our guests.

David Jones presented Melinda Blay of CMN with \$5287.83 raised at this year's Basketball Shootout.

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced the program.

Zach Briley celebrated his birthday.



Pancake Day Ticket Sales Results

Week One

1st place Team.....	Serrano	\$945.00
2nd place Team	Jalapeño	\$580.00
3rd place Team	Habanero	\$250.00
TOTAL SALES	\$1,775.00	



Seventeen members turned in money on March 28th. EVERY member should be involved. Sell those Tickets! Your participation is needed to help make this Pancake Day the absolutely best ever!

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

In 2000, Gaye Lynn and I loaded up our son, Justin, and headed to Lubbock for him to begin his freshman year at Texas Tech.

I had no idea nor did I understand how emotional this new life experience was on my sweet wife.

On the way home I popped in a CD of recordings of our children from when they were very young. They were singing and reciting scripture. I thought it was "cool." My wife fell apart and began crying.

Her first child was going away to college and being a "Mom" which had been a significant life purpose was taking a new turn.

Of course we still had two daughters at home but Justin was the first to "leave the nest,"

How many people face change in their lives and loss of clarity of purpose.

This is why Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Life," has been such a top seller.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork,

created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Now, my wife is the best mother I have ever known. But I know that she knows her primary purpose is to praise God and to do good works in His name.

But many people lock up their identity, their purpose, in just one thing, not understanding that God leads us down a path with many opportunities.

So, Gaye Lynn, was a daughter, a wife, a mother, a teacher, a music director, and on and on. What ties it all together is that God is right in the middle of each role she has assumed.

Do you want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?"

God has called you to many roles in the course of your life. Serve God and He will use you to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time."

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